



Department of Conservation and Recreation  
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## **DCR Announces Public Meetings for Forest Management Projects in H.O. Cook, October Mountain, Sandisfield, Savoy, Wendell, Oakham and Townsend State Forests**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Bureau of Forestry will be hosting the following public meetings to discuss eight forest management projects:

- Tuesday, March 29, 2016 - 6 pm – DCR Western Regional Headquarters, 740 South Street, Pittsfield, MA 01202. Four projects will be presented. The project located at H.O. Cook S.F proposes to use uneven and even age management in Norway spruce and white pine plantations to regenerate native species; the project located in October Mountain SF proposes to use uneven age management in a northern hardwoods forest to regenerate northern hardwood species; the project located in Savoy SF proposes to use even age and uneven age management in a Norway spruce plantation and northern hardwoods to regenerate northern hardwood species; and the project located at Sandisfield SF proposes to use uneven age management in a northern hardwoods forest to regenerate northern hardwood species.
- Wednesday, March 30, 2016 – 6 PM – Trustees of the Reservations – Doyle Center, 464 Abbott Avenue, Leominster, MA 01453. Three projects will be presented. There are two projects located at Townsend State Forest. One proposed project involves light thinning of hardwood trees while providing an opportunity for local residents to cut firewood for home use. The second project at Townsend proposes to use thinning in white pine-hardwood stands to improve growth and uneven age management to regenerate native species in white pine and red pine plantations. The project located at Oakham State Forest proposes to use uneven and even age management in Norway spruce and white pine plantations and mixed oak forests to regenerate native species.
- Thursday, March 31, 2016 – 6 PM – DCR Amherst Field Office, 40 Cold Storage Drive, Amherst, MA 01004. A project located in Wendell State Forest will be presented. The project proposes to use even age management to release and further regenerate native species under a red pine plantation and use uneven age management to regenerate native species in a white pine plantation and an oak hardwood stand. An alternative proposal using even age management to regenerate the white pine plantation will be discussed.

The proposals (noted as "New") may be viewed at this website address:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/conservation/forestry-and-fire-control/proposed-forest-management-projects.html>

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